GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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COMMUANL RIOTS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the communal riots that took place in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the number of persons lost their life and property damaged in such riots alongwith the number of persons arrested, State-wise;

(c) whether the financial assistance have been provided to the riot affected families;

(d) if so, criteria and the amount of financial assistance given to each such families; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to check the recurrence of such incidents in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (e): As per available information, the number of communal incidents/riots and the number of persons killed and injured therein during the years 2002, 2003 and 2004, State-wise is given in the annexure.

Under the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, `Police` and `Public Order` are State subjects and registration of cases, investigation and prosecution are the primary concern of the State Governments. Hence, details in respect of property lost/damaged, financial assistance provided to the riot affected families, number of persons arrested etc. are not Centrally maintained by the Government of India and are not readily available. Different State Governments determine their own criteria for providing financial assistance to the riot affected victims.

Apart from the various Constitutional and legal provisions as well as various institutional mechanisms established for protection of the rights of the minorities in the country, the union Government has also taken a variety of administrative measures and promotional efforts in this regard. These include constant review of the communal situation in the country, maintaining a continuous watch over the activities of organizations having a bearing on peace and communal harmony, sending alert messages, sharing of information, sending Central Para-Military forces to the States on the specific request of the concerned State Government(s), assistance in the modernization of the State Police Forces etc. The Union Government has also issued comprehensive guidelines to promote communal harmony to all the States/Union Territories. These guidelines contain steps to be taken with regard to prevention of communal riots, provision for relief/rehabilitation to the victims, effective utilization of Peace Committee mechanisms in defusing communal tension, restoration of normalcy in the affected areas etc. The promotional efforts include providing grants for organizations engaged in activities promoting communal harmony Awards and Kabir Puraskar and observance of Quami Ekta Week.

Annexure

STATEMENT SHOWING COMMUNAL INCIDENTS, NUMBER OF PERSONS KILLED/INJURED THEREIN DURING THE YEARS 2002, 2003 and 2004

Name of the State	2002		2003		2004	
	Number of Inci-dents	Number of Persons killed	Number of Persons injured	Number of Inci-dents	Number of Persons killed	Number of Persons injured	Number of Inci-dents	Number of Persons killed	Number of Persons injured
A & N Island	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andhra Pradesh	16	3	20	18	8	71	13	1	54
Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assam	2	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	1
Bihar	50	22	72	63	32	144	43	24	108

Chandigarh	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chattisgarh	0	0	0	4	1	2	1	0	0
Delhi	5	0	23	3	1	11	3	0	9
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Goa	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gujarat	135	977	2378	133	20	392	93	15	218
Haryana	2	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	0
Himachal Pradesh	2	0	0	1	0	7	0	0	0
J & K	1	0	0	1	0	12	0	0	0
Jharkhand	14	6	69	14	10	41	16	3	52
Karnataka	103	13	331	64	9	260	72	7	274
Kerala	16	6	48	32	11	71	25	2	59
Lakshdweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madhya Pradesh	39	10	59	56	18	142	94	19	322
Maharashtra	95	42	752	125	12	578	109	17	352
Manipur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mizoram	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orissa	36	3	75	26	4	73	17	1	35
Pondicherry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Punjab	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4
Rajasthan	61	11	253	34	9	62	32	4	105
Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tamil Nadu	42	5	54	22	3	30	15	0	31
Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Uttaranchal	1	0	5	7	4	4	1	0	0
Uttar Pradesh	85	29	176	91	47	331	127	40	426
West Bengal	14	3	56	12	2	30	11	1	82
Total	722	1130	4375	711	193	2261	677	134	2132